

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Public Works	(2) MEETING DATE 8/28/2012	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Carolyn Berg, Water Resources Engineer (805) 781-5536	
(4) SUBJECT Request to approve committee appointments and bylaw revisions to the Water Resources Advisory Committee of the Flood Control and Water Conservation District. All Districts.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is our recommendation that your Honorable Board acting as the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District: 1. Appoint Susan Morrow, replacing Dan Gilmore, as the alternate member for the Los Osos Community Services District; 2. Appoint Patrick Williams, filling a current vacancy, as the Agricultural At-Large alternate member position of the WRAC; and 3. Approve revisions to the bylaws of the WRAC.			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) N/A	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT N/A	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT N/A	(9) BUDGETED? No
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. _____)			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: N/A <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5th's Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP N/A	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input type="checkbox"/> N/A Date 5/18/12; #16	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW <i>Nikki J. Schmidt</i>			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts -			

Reference: 12AUG28-C-4

County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Public Works

Carolyn Berg, Water Resources Engineer

VIA: Dean Benedix, Utilities Division Manager

DATE: 8/28/2012

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RECOMMENDATION

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DISCUSSION

The Water Resources Advisory Committee (WRAC) was formed:

- To advise the County Board of Supervisors concerning all policy decisions relating to the water resources of the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District.
- To recommend to the Board specific water resource and water conservation programs with recognition of the economic and environmental values of the programs.
- To recommend methods of financing water resource programs.

This Committee is currently comprised of over 30 representatives from each of the Cities, Water Purveyors, Resource Conservation Districts, and also includes representatives from the agriculture, environmental, and development community.

Los Osos Community Services District Appointment

Correspondence from the Los Osos Community Services District is attached requesting the appointment of Susan Morrow as alternate member (Attachment "A").

Agricultural At-Large Appointment

In April 2012, your Board appointed Michael Broadhurst as the Upper Salinas-Las Tablas Resource Conservation District's WRAC member. Mr. Broadhurst had previously been serving as the Agricultural At-Large "alternate member" which resulted in a vacancy notice for this position being posted by the County Clerk. Staff has received three (3) applications for the Agricultural At-Large position (Attachment "D") from the following individuals:

Jane Cochrane
Patrick Williams
Robert Blair

In addition, staff received two (2) letters of support from individuals or organizations representing agricultural groups (Attachment "E"); the organizations that submitted letters of support and the candidate that they support are as follows:

<u>Recommendation</u>	<u>By:</u>
Mr. Williams	Tom Ikeda, South County Grower
Ms. Cochrane	San Luis Obispo County Cattlemen's Association

The WRAC formed an ad hoc subcommittee to consider applications for the Agricultural At-Large alternate member vacancy. The subcommittee reviewed these applications and letters of support, and based on criteria outlined in the vision for At-Large memberships (Attachment "C"), recommended Patrick Williams for the position. Mr. Williams' experience in row crop production in South County will provide a balance to the overall WRAC Agricultural At-Large membership – currently lacking representation of both this production focus and geographic representation. The Subcommittee appreciated the other two applicants' interest and recommended that Mr. Blair apply to a future position suited to his local knowledge and pharmaceutical expertise and that Ms. Cochrane also be considered for future Agricultural At-Large membership positions vacancies.

The subcommittee brought the Agricultural At-Large membership appointment recommendation to the WRAC on July 9, 2012. The WRAC unanimously endorsed the subcommittee's membership appointment recommendation and recommends that your Board appoint Patrick Williams as the Agricultural At-Large alternate member, to the WRAC.

WRAC Bylaw Revision

The WRAC identified the need to update the committee's bylaws to add an article on "Administration" to address setting the monthly WRAC agenda, preparing an annual report, and review the bylaws every other year (biannually). On May 2, 2012, the WRAC unanimously approved a motion to recommend that your Board add Article V to the WRAC bylaws, addressing these items, as shown on page 3 of Attachment "F."

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

The work efforts of the Flood Control and Water Conservation District involve or impact nearly every local agency and numerous water purveyors throughout the County. The nomination for the agency appointment was made by the Los Osos Community Services District as indicated in the attached correspondence. The County Clerk properly noticed the vacancy for the Agricultural At-Large Alternate member in compliance with the Maddy Act. Should your Board approve today's action, Attachment "B" is a list of the entire Water Resources Advisory Committee membership, with the new appointment highlighted in bold letters.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

There are no financial impacts as a result of this action.

RESULTS

Approval of the recommended action will appoint new alternate members to the Water Resources Advisory Committee, revise the bylaws of the committee, and provide your Board with the best possible recommendations on water-related issues, resulting in a more livable and well governed community.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Attachment A - Agency membership nomination correspondence
2. Attachment B - Entire WRAC membership with recommended action
3. Attachment C - WRAC vision for At-Large memberships
4. Attachment D - Applications for At-Large membership position
5. Attachment E - Letters of support for At-Large applicants
6. Attachment F - Proposed WRAC bylaws